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My darling sweetheart Frances:-

Your sweet letter of the 16th received & am going to say, before I go further, that I love you, I love you with all my heart. I long for you, I want you & am so lonesome for you. I am only hoping & praying that your thoughts will come true & that is that I will be with you this summer. That dog-gone sale comes off tomorrow at 11 A. M. & can hardly wait until then. That sale is my sole hope, for my fee will depend on it, therefore, the more that comes in, the more I get.

Darling, mine, don't worry about the war situation. Let us all hope for the best. If I must go, I'll go, & there is no way out of it. I don't think there will be much to it, anyway, but, as you know, it depends wholly on Congress. I regret that we didn't go to Jersey not for the purpose of getting ~~of~~ out of the army, but because I love you & loved you so at that time & I simply wanted to know that when I leave H. F. I was a married man & that my precious Frances was my wife. Toots, if I should come home during this summer, would you be willing to do ~~it~~ that now what we failed to do in January? That is, to go to Jersey & get married. And

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wondering if you would. Let me know.

This summer Lucson you will have a very pretty garden. Lune am very glad of it, for if there is anything I love, Lune do love a little garden & vegetable patch. Don't you Toots? When we have our own little home, we're going to have one, too, aren't we?

Yesterday was so hot, I didn't know what to do. I met a friend of mine & he said "Come to a Turkish bath with me." I did, & Toots, this morning I felt so fine that I could have done anything _____ even join the army.

There is one thing I can't overcome & that is that lonesomeness. If you were only here with me, I would enjoy life to its extremities, & you know, honey, I don't speak idle words.

Toots, will have to prepare now for to-morrow morning & as I see that uncle of mine coming along the street headed here, I'll close, with all my love to you, my precious, my sweetheart,

Lovingly

Joe